IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF NEBRASKA

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,)	
Plaintiff,)	Case No. 4:05CR3045
VS.)	TENTATIVE FINDINGS
VICTOR C. HARRIS,)	
Defendant.)	

I am in receipt of the revised presentence investigation report and addendum in this case, and the defendant's objections and departure motion.

IT IS ORDERED that:

- (1) The undersigned will consult and follow the Guidelines to the extent permitted and required by <u>United States v. Booker</u>, 125 S. Ct. 738 (2005). In this regard, the undersigned gives notice that, unless otherwise ordered, he will (a) give the advisory Guidelines substantial weight; (b) resolve all factual disputes relevant to sentencing by the greater weight of the evidence and without the aid of a jury; (c) impose upon the government the burden of proof on all Guideline-enhancements; (d) impose upon the defendant the burden of proof on all Guideline-mitigators; (e) depart from the advisory Guidelines, if appropriate, using pre-<u>Booker</u> departure theory; and (f) in cases where a departure using pre-<u>Booker</u> departure theory is not warranted, deviate or vary from the Guidelines only when there is a plainly superior, principled reason which justifies a sentence different than that called for by application of the advisory Guidelines.
- (2) The defendant's objection to the obstruction of justice enhancement and possession of a weapon (filing 92) and the motion for departure or deviation (filing 93) will be resolved at a two-hour evidentiary hearing with sentencing to follow. The evidentiary hearing and sentencing will be held on Tuesday, July 11, 2006, from

1:00 to 3:00 p.m.

(3) Except to the extent (if at all) that I have reserved an issue for later

resolution in the preceding paragraph, the parties are herewith notified that my

tentative findings are that the presentence report is correct in all respects.

(4) If **any** party wishes to challenge these tentative findings, said party shall,

as soon as possible, but in any event at least five (5) business days before sentencing,

file in the court file and serve upon opposing counsel and the court a motion

challenging these tentative findings, supported by (a) such evidentiary materials as are

required (giving due regard to the requirements of the local rules of practice respecting

the submission of evidentiary materials), (b) a brief as to the law and (c) if an

evidentiary hearing is requested, a statement describing why an evidentiary hearing

is necessary and how long such a hearing would take.

(5) Absent submission of the information required by the preceding

paragraph of this order, my tentative findings may become final and the presentence

report may be adopted and relied upon by me without more.

(6) Unless otherwise ordered, any motion challenging these tentative

findings shall be resolved at sentencing.

July 5, 2006.

BY THE COURT:

s/ Richard G. Kopf

United States District Judge

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